

## Office of Construction

**Code Compliance Department** 

DASNY Guidance – DOL Emergency Asbestos Project Notification Requests

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## **NYS DOL Asbestos Project Emergency Notification Requests**

- If an asbestos project needs to be started in less than ten (10) calendar days, after reviewing the emergency notification details with DASNY CCD, the asbestos abatement contractor must call the Asbestos Control Bureau (ACB) Notifications Unit at the Department of Labor (DOL) and request that Emergency status be given to the asbestos project. If the asbestos abatement contractor fails to wait the ten day period without the emergency status, it may result in a Violation and possible fines. [Notifications Unit 518-485-9263 Martha Waldman supervisor]
  - Exception if the emergency project is a minor size asbestos cleanup project, as per ICR 56 guidance, the asbestos abatement contractor shall notify the ACB local district office of the emergency by telephone or fax, and that 56-11.2(f) cleanup procedures shall be utilized for the emergency asbestos cleanup project. An approval from the local district of the ACB is not required prior to initiating the minor project cleanup activities as per ICR 56-11.2(f). A follow up written notification may possibly be requested by ACB. ACB local district office phone numbers are included below.
- The asbestos abatement contractor will need to give the details of the project as required when filing a regular notification, plus the contractor must be able to demonstrate and explain why the removal has to be started before the ten day period would normally allow. The asbestos abatement contractor shall utilize DOL form SH 483.1 to submit the initial- required information for the emergency notification request. [Notification Unit Fax 518-485-8530 e-mail: asbestosnotification@labor.ny.gov]
  - Please note that the details must be thorough and complete for the DOL personnel to understand both the <u>scope and methods</u> to be utilized for the project. If an emergency asbestos project variance decision has been obtained or is currently pending from the Engineering Services Unit, the file number of the variance must be provided to the DOL personnel and included on form SH 483.1, which can be found on the DOL website.
  - Also, the safety or health emergency must be thoroughly described/explained as well as the reasoning for the emergency status request. Here are a couple of examples:
    - (1) friable ACM became dislodged and the resulting friable debris must be cleaned up ASAP to reduce the exposure potential to the general public and building occupants
    - (2) due to weather conditions flooding occurred in the lower level of the building and to re-energize the electrical system ASAP, intact non-friable ACM must be removed in accordance with ICR 56 procedures, to allow damaged electrical equipment to be replaced immediately, so the system can be re-energized.
- If the emergency status is granted, the asbestos abatement contractor must complete the emergency notification by submitting the entire asbestos notification and full payment within three (3) calendar days. This may be done on-line, by mail or in person.
- If emergency status is not granted, the asbestos abatement contractor must file the notification normally and wait the standard ten (10) calendar days from the date of payment. Failure to wait the ten (10) days may result in a Violation and possible fines.



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